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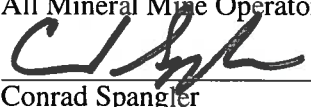
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TO: All Mineral Mine Operators
FROM: 
Conrad Spangler
SUBJECT: Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards
DATE: March 18, 2009

The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy - Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) and the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA) are accepting applications for the third annual Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards. This annual award program is modeled after similar programs sponsored by other state and federal agencies and organizations. The Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards allow DMM and VTCA to publicly recognize outstanding safety achievements in the state's mineral mining industry. We would like to see Virginia mine operators and employees receive the recognition you deserve for your mine safety achievements. We encourage your participation.

For calendar year 2007, the second year of the Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards Program, the following Virginia mineral mine operations and mine employees were recognized for their outstanding mine safety achievements:

Quarry

<i>0 – 50,000 Employee Hours</i>	Unimin Corporation, Gore Mine
<i>50,000 – 100,000 Employee Hours</i>	U.S. Silica, Montpelier Mine
<i>100,000+ Employee Hours</i>	Vulcan Materials Company, Manassas Quarry

Open Pit

<i>0 – 10,000 Employee Hours</i>	General Shale Brick, Inc., Webster Mine
<i>10,000 – 20,000 Employee Hours</i>	Branscome, Inc., Layfield Pit
<i>20,000+ Employee Hours</i>	Vulcan Materials Company, Puddledock Sand and Gravel

Individual Safety Award

<i>25 Years Without a Lost Time Injury</i>	Lee Palmer, O-N Minerals, Strasburg James Sowder, Boxley Materials, Fieldale Plant
<i>35 Years Without a Lost Time Injury</i>	Arnold E. Peck, E. Dillon & Company, Swords Creek Wren Jenkins, Luck Stone, Burkeville Plant Danny Himelright, O-N Minerals, Strasburg Ashby Spiker, Sr., O-N Minerals, Strasburg

Donald Spiker, O-N Minerals, Strasburg
Gary Himelright, O-N Minerals, Strasburg
Gary Bly, O-N Minerals, Strasburg
Winston Ritenour, O-N Minerals, Strasburg
Henry R. Hicks, O-N Minerals, Strasburg
George Feathers, O-N Minerals, Strasburg
Carl Hamrick, O-N Minerals, Strasburg

45 Years Without a Lost Time Injury Eugene Hamman, O-N Minerals, Strasburg
Eugene Gess, O-N Minerals, Middletown

To take part in the program, please complete the enclosed forms and enclose a brief narrative describing your safety program. A listing of eligibility criteria is also attached for your information. **You must apply and meet minimum requirements to be considered for an award. Applications will be accepted thru May 1, 2009.** Applications may be hand delivered or mailed to the attention of Jeff Stewart at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Mineral Mining, 900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 400, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Award Criteria

Applications for the Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards may be submitted for the following categories: Quarry (Surface and Underground) and Open Pit (Sand, Clay, Dredge, Dragline, etc.). Three awards will be given in each category to recognize small, medium and large operations. The period covered for the safety awards program is from January 1 to December 31, 2008.

<u>Quarry</u>	<u>Open Pit</u>
0 – 50,000 employee hours	0 - 10,000 employee hours
50,000 – 100,000 employee hours	10,000 - 20,000 employee hours
100,000 + employee hours	20,000 + employee hours

The mine operation having the highest number of employee-hours, with no occupational injuries, in each category, will receive the Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Award. If no mine meets this requirement, an award may be given to the mine having the lowest incident rate (employee hours worked vs. occupational injuries) for the calendar year, in that category. Individual employee safety awards will also be considered for persons who reach twenty-five, thirty-five, or forty-five consecutive years in the mining industry without a lost time injury during the award year. All award winners will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement. Mine safety awards will be presented at the VTCA Annual Meeting, July 9-11, 2009, at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. Individual employee safety awards will be presented to the winners at their work location.

The Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Award will provide an incentive to your employees to work with care, and will also instill pride in those responsible for a winning effort. We hope that you will participate in this safety program.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact any Division of Mineral Mining representative or call (434) 951-6310. We look forward to receiving your response.

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VIRGINIA MINERAL MINE SAFETY AWARD

Application For Consideration

Calendar Year _____

Note: This report covers the period January 1 to December 31

Category (Indicate One):

Quarry

0 – 50,000 employee hours
50,000 – 100,000 employee hours
100,000 + employee hours

Open Pit

0 - 10,000 employee hours
10,000 - 20,000 employee hours
20,000 + employee hours

Company Name: _____

Name of Mine: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Virginia Mine Permit No. _____ MSHA I.D. No. (if applicable) _____

Number of Production Workers: _____

Total Production Hours (Employee Hours): _____

Number of Occupational Injuries: _____

ON A SEPARATE PAGE, PLEASE SUBMIT A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR SAFETY PROGRAM: (Describe training plan, training sessions, other educational programs, incentive program, any public recognition your company has received for its efforts towards a safe working environment, etc.)

I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Person Completing Application _____

Print Name

Signature

Title

Date

Telephone

Application Deadline May 1, 2009

In order to verify injuries and work hours the applicant must be willing to allow reasonable access to work and accident records.

INDIVIDUAL SAFETY AWARD

Application For Consideration

Name of Miner recommended for award: _____

Occupation of Miner: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Name of Operation: _____

Address of Operation: _____

Virginia Mine Permit No. _____ MSHA I.D. No. (if applicable) _____

Individual Categories: (Indicate One)

☐ Individual working 45 Years without a lost time injury as of the award year

☐ Individual working 35 Years without a lost time injury as of the award year

☐ Individual working 25 Years without a lost time injury as of the award year

NOTE: Individuals may receive only one safety award within each category. Award milestone must be reached during the 2008 calendar year.

Period of time worked by miner. (Give dates and locations worked and account for required time within category applied for. Use additional space if necessary.)

I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Person Completing Application _____

Print Name

Signature

Title

Date

Telephone

Application Deadline May 1, 2009

In order to verify injuries and work hours the applicant must be willing to allow reasonable access to work and accident records.

VIRGINIA MINERAL MINE SAFETY AWARD CRITERIA

Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Division of Mineral Mining Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance

Mine Categories

Virginia Mines that have outstanding safety performance may be nominated for awards in the following categories:

Quarry

0 – 50,000 employee hours
50,000 – 100,000 employee hours
100,000 + employee hours

Open Pit

0 - 10,000 employee hours
10,000 - 20,000 employee hours
20,000 + employee hours

All Applicants Must Meet The Following Requirements

- No applicant will be considered that has incurred a **serious personal injury** or **fatality** during the award application period.
- Employee-hours should not include office work.
- Each applicant must have a Virginia Mine Permit Number and if applicable an MSHA I.D. Number.

After review by the Virginia Division of Mineral Mining, the mine operation having the highest number of employee-hours with no occupational injuries in each category, will receive the Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Award. If no mine meets this requirement, an award may be given to the mine having the lowest incident rate (employee hours worked vs. occupational injuries) for the calendar year, in that category.

A responsible individual with the mine will be required to sign an affidavit stating that the submitted information is true and correct. **In order to verify injuries and work hours the applicant must be willing to allow reasonable access to work and accident records.** MSHA and DMM accident files will be reviewed prior to selection of the award winners.

Virginia Mineral Mine Safety Awards will be presented at the VTCA Annual Meeting.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2009

Individual Categories

Individual Virginia miners who have outstanding safety performance may be nominated for awards in the following categories:

- **Individuals** working 45 years without a lost time injury as of the award year.
- **Individuals** working 35 years without a lost time injury as of the award year.
- **Individuals** working 25 years without a lost time injury as of the award year.

NOTE: Individuals may receive only one safety award within each category. These awards will only be presented in the year that these milestones are reached.

All Applicants Must Meet The Following Requirements

- The employee's experience must have been primarily in the field, on a mine site. Office workers are not eligible for the award.
- A minimum of 130 days must have been worked at a mine site during each calendar year.
- All work must have been in the Virginia mining industry or with a contractor serving the industry.

A responsible individual will be required to sign an affidavit stating that the submitted information is true and correct. **In order to verify injuries and work hours the applicant must be willing to allow reasonable access to work and accident records.** MSHA and DMM accident files will be reviewed prior to selection of the award winners.

Individual Mine Safety Awards will be presented at the individual's work location.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2009
